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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO ZAIRE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED MARCH 12 THAT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE WILL VISIT ZAIRE MARCH 26-28. ZAIRE DESK OFFICER (JAENEN) TOLD US ZAIRE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA WILL MEET MARCH 15 WITH BISENGIMANA AND SENIOR ZAIRE OFFICIALS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN ECONOMIC SECTOR FOR FINAL REVIEW OF DRAFT COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS FOR NATIONALIZED BELGIAN ASSETS. WITH THE GROUNDWORK WELL LAID BY DAVIGNON MISSION IN JANUARY AND NGUZA'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS LAST MONTH (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS), JAENEN EXPECTS AGREEMENTS TO BE APPROVED, WITH PERHAPS "MINOR" CHANGES BEFORE VAN ELSLANDE DEPARTURE TO KINSHASA FOR FORMAL SIGNING.

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2. COMMENTING ON SURGE OF INTEREST IN ZAIRE AND REST OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA- INCLUDING TALK OF INCREASED AID TO THOSE
COUNTRIES - IN WAKE OF MPLA VICTORY IN ANGOLA, JAENEN
COMMENTED THAT IT WAS " IMPOSSIBLE" FOR ANY BELGIAN POLITICIAN
TO PROPOSE INCREASED AID TO ZAIRE UNTIL AGREEMENT ON
COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED BELGIAN ASSETS IS SIGNED.
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